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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KATSUHITO SAKURAI ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/449,679

Filed: November 24, 1999

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows.